

2014 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI)

Allotment: Anita/Cameron Allotments

Permittee: County Line Farms Limited

Permit Number: 07-884

Permitted Use:

Permittee	Numbers	Type	Season
County Line Farms Limited	1,295 Adults Or 1,856 Yearlings	Term	05/01-10/31
County Line Farms Limited	5 Horses	Term	05/01-10/31

1. **Authorization:** Authorized to graze the following in 2014:

Permittee	Numbers	Type	Season
County Line Farms Limited	800 Cow/Calf	Term	04/01-11/30
County Line Farms Limited	80 Bulls	Term	06/01-11/30
County Line Farms Limited	30 Horses	Term	04/01-11/30

Counting Livestock: The standard for counting livestock on an allotment is as follows:

- a. All cattle six (6) months of age or older **at the time of entering** the National Forest **and all weaned** animals regardless of age will be counted against the permitted numbers on the allotment and charged for at the current rate.

Nonuse: Application for credit or refund must be made in “**writing**” and “**in advance**” by the permittee to the District Ranger using Form FS-2200-1 (Refund, Credit, or Transfer Application). When it is not possible to be timely in getting to the Ranger District Office, the permittee may phone in a request for refund or credit. The permittee will then complete Form FS-2200-1 (Refund, Credit, or Transfer Application) at the next visit to the Tusayan Ranger District Office. **Note:** Credit or refund applications will not be processed unless value is \$100.00 or more and District personnel have been notified either in advance or at the time livestock are removed from NFS Lands.



2. **Management:** Anita/Cameron 2014 Pasture Rotation:

Pasture	Time Frame
Dillman	04/01-06/30 (400 cow/calf)
Bucklar	07/01-08/20 (440 cow/calf)
East Skinner	08/21-11/15 (440 cow/calf)
Airport	04/01-07/01 (30 Horses)
Basin East	04/01-06/30 (400 cow/calf)
Basin West	07/01-08/20 (440 cow/calf)
Deer Pasture	08/21-11/01 (440 cow/calf)
Basin Trap	11/02-11/10 (440 cow/calf)
Deer Pasture	11/11-11/15 (440 cow/calf)

A Temporary cow camp will be located in the Deer Pasture by Seeley Tank for the 2014 grazing season during correlated pasture use. This camp will be removed promptly and are subject to fire restrictions that may be implemented on the Kaibab National Forest. Permittee is authorized to feed saddle horses noxious weed free hay, hay pellets or grain in the pens.

Please monitor use levels within and around the temporary cow camp and in above mentioned pastures and associated traps. If utilization levels meet allowable use levels, you will need to either move livestock to available forage within the pasture or to the next scheduled pasture. If allowable use levels are met prior to the scheduled off date and no other pastures or forage is available, livestock will be removed from the allotment.

Please notify us of cattle movements onto and off of the allotments, as well as refinements that may be needed to enhance the management system. If you identify the need to differ from this management system by more than 15 days, please contact this office at least two weeks in advance so that the district has time to conduct monitoring and assess your request.

3. **Utilization Standards and Monitoring:**

In accordance with the Decision Memo signed on 10/08/2004, the allowable use level set for the Anita/Cameron Allotments will be conservative use of 35%. Key areas will be visited to determine actual grazing use / seasonal use by livestock and wildlife. Monitoring will be conducted within two weeks before or after livestock leave a scheduled pasture. If utilization levels within portions of a scheduled pasture approach allowable use, you are required to move livestock into areas not approaching allowable use. If cattle cannot be effectively managed away from areas within the pasture that have met allowable use or if utilization objectives are met throughout the pasture prior to scheduled rotation, contact District Personnel. Cattle will be moved into the next available pasture within the annual rotation. In the event that forage utilization objectives are met in all available pastures, livestock will be removed from the allotment. Management adjustments will be made to the following years Annual Operating Instructions to avoid recurring situations.

The following dates have been tentatively scheduled for monitoring on the allotments. You are highly encouraged and invited to participate in monitoring with District personnel and/or on your own.

Pasture	Monitoring date
Dillman	6/15/2014
Bucklar	8/19/2014
East Skinner	11/5/2014
Airport	6/25/2014
Basin East	6/18/2014
Basin West	8/6/2014
Deer Pasture	10/22/2014
Basin Trap	10/22/2014
Deer Pasture	10/22/2014

4. Forage Growth and Water Availability:

Per Part 2, clause 8(c) of your Term Grazing Permit, if forage growth and water availability are not adequate during all or portions of the 2014 grazing season, total or partial livestock removal from the allotment may be necessary.

5. Salt and Supplement Policy

Supplemental feeding of livestock is allowed (to strategically manage livestock distribution and forage use) as follows:

- a) Place supplements on previously disturbed areas (i.e., borrow pits) or natural bedrock outcrops when possible (supplement sites).
- b) Locate supplement sites 0.25 mile or more from waters and key areas except where prior written permission has been obtained from District Ranger.
- c) Locate supplement sites where forage is abundant and utilized less than average.
- d) Limit supplement types to non energy feeds such as salt, protein and mineral blocks.
- e) Use products that prevent the spread of noxious weeds, no feeding of hay on National Forest System Lands.

6. Travel Management:

The Travel Management Rule (TMR) has been implemented on the Tusayan Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest. Implementation of the TMR will require active management of all motorized use, including that related to permitted grazing activities. Motorized travel off the designated road system by grazing permit holders should be based on need related to carrying out required management practices. Legitimate motorized use, including cross-

country access, needed for conducting activities required under Term Grazing Permits will be authorized unless compelling natural and/or heritage resource issues are evident.

Any unplanned or emergency type travel not previously contemplated in the Term Grazing Permit will be discussed with appropriate authorization and guidance established in the AOI. If access is required in a motor vehicle restricted area or on a closed road, you must have special authorization in the form of an Off-Road Vehicle Permit or specific authorization through your AOI.

7. Range Improvements:

All assigned range developments identified in your Term Grazing Permit must be maintained to a functional status.

Advance planning is needed for any range improvement reconstruction or replacement, including fences and water systems to evaluate the need for any additional surveys. General maintenance/repair is excluded. Advance planning is also needed for authorized stock tank cleaning so surveys can be scheduled accordingly. Please contact the District in advance if you are proposing any of this type of work to inquire about the availability of materials, necessary clearances and for a permit modification.

The Permittee may request a Forest Products Free Use Permit in order to cut juniper fence posts and stays for use only on their Forest Service allotment. No tree cutting is allowed without a forest products permit.

Hazard trees may need to be cut to prevent them from falling on fences. However, no tree cutting may be conducted without specific written permission from the Forest Service.

The Permittee must follow the Heavy Equipment Policy (December 2008) before starting any work that involves soil disturbance.

Please protect natural springs and areas with riparian type vegetation. Drainage bottoms, creeks, springs, and cienegas, where water is available, are most susceptible to livestock concentrations.

The following range improvements were discussed and planned for this grazing season:

Improvements:

1. Reconstruct waterlots on the following tanks: Gregg Tank #5993, Antelope Tank #5859, Woodbridge Tank #5912, Old Hibben Tank # 5910, and Cabin Tank #5918.
2. Reconstruct fence #5826 & 5825 ~4 miles.
3. Reconstruct fence #5914 ~2 miles.

8. The Anita/Cameron Allotments Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) are a part of the Term Grazing Permit as provided for in Part 3, Section 8. The AOI complies with the standards and guidelines found in the October 8th 2004 Anita/Cameron Allotments Decision Notice for the Anita/Cameron Allotments, the September 5th 2006 Anita/Cameron Allotments Management Plan and in the Kaibab National Forest Plan. It also complies with the Endangered Species Act on-going grazing consultation for the Anita/Cameron Allotments. Any additional information collected during the year may be incorporated into the annual operating instructions.